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SUBJECT: REPORTED ARREST OF BAPTIST LEADER

REF: STATE 108078

1. RUMOR REPORTED REFTEL IS INCORRECT. ZHIDKOV LED SERVICE SUNDAY EVENING MAY 11 AT MOSCOW BAPTIST CHURCH, AT WHICH EMBOFF WAS IN ATTENDANCE. IN LENGTHY CONVERSATION AFTERWARD, ZHIDKOV (WHOM EMBOFF HAS KNOWN AS FRIEND FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS) GAVE NO INDICATION OF HIS HAVING ANY DIFFICULTIES WHATEVER WITH AUTHORITIES.

2. RUMOR MAY POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY ZHIDKOV'S RECENT LONG ABSENCE FROM MOSCOW. FOR SIX WEEKS FROM BEGINNING OF MARCH TO MID-APRIL HE WAS VISITING BAPTIST CONGREGATION IN SOVIET FAR EAST (VLADIVO TOK, NAKHODKA, KHABAROVSK, BLAG-OVESHCHENSK) AND GEORGIA.  
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